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1832 Hart Street Dyer, IN 46311

January 16, 2008

Mr. Charles Nottingham Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street S.W. Washington D.C. 20423

Dear Chairman Nottingham:

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opposition to the Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway.

For the past 20 years, I have owned the building at 1832 Hart Street in Dyer, IN. I have had no issues with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. However, the proposed acquisition would cause significant harm to my building and the two businesses that currently occupy the building.

Specifically, increased rail traffic would result in significant increases in vibration, speed, noise, traffic, and safety. My building is located 10 feet from the rail line (pictures attached). In the past, trains have thrown rocks into our windows and parts have fallen off of the rail cars. The gates have malfunctioned and motorists have driven around the downed gates.

The close proximity of my building to the gates and tracks will result in added concern as a result of the added traffic proposed by the Canadian National Railway. The additional vibration alone could possibly cause structural damage to the building.

I plan to attend the public open house planned by the Surface Transportation Board. I will voice my opposition there as well.

I would like to request your opposition to this acquisition. Your diligence in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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